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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20594

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

Accident 1/23/10

- Date: 2/2/10  
Hour: 11:45 CST
1. Place of accident Waxahatchie Date 1/23/10
2. Type of vehicle Single Engine Aircraft TERMIN 2002 Sierra
3. Identification of vehicle N145AB
4. What is your name Rebecca Sparks Age 54
5. Address [REDACTED] Land, Herker Heights 76578
6. Occupation Pilot By whom employed Southwest Airlines
7. Where were you at the time of the accident Chance sighting while driving home
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred: See attached

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

January 28, 2010

On Saturday, January 23, I was driving on I35 southbound from Dallas to my home in Killeen, Texas. Was witness to an unfortunate aircraft accident. This is my best recollection of the events.

I had left Dallas Love Field about 11:45 a.m. and was driving home. I was talking on my phone, going Southbound on I35 when I noticed that an airplane was descending towards the ground. I quickly terminated the phone call and slowed my vehicle as I watched the airplane in a spin. I first saw the right wing tip enter my view and then the fuselage and the other wing as if the airplane were not initially vertical when it came into view. The aircraft then continued in a slow, vertical spin towards the ground, making 1-1/2 to 2 turns before it went behind a row of trees. The aircraft had all of its primary flight components attached. It was an unfamiliar aircraft to me, but I could tell that it was low wing, small (single or double seat) cockpit, and that the wings were straight at the tips. Having seen a variety of acrobatic flight before I was "hoping" that the aircraft would pull out of the spin, but felt that it was too close to the ground to recover. (When I initially saw the aircraft it was between 500' to 800'). *(Probably closer to 800' on initial sighting)* [REDACTED]

I left I35 and went in the direction that I had last seen the aircraft. I made a call to 911, unable to offer them initial guidance because I could not find a street sign. I did notice a sign for an "airfield" and thought that there might be a chance that the aircraft had landed safely. I continued a short ways and looked to the left and saw the aircraft towards the south end of plowed field. 2 other gentlemen were there and very frantic in attempting to "free" the victims. I saw a young, African American, teenager "sprawled" from the left seat, and there was another African American (older) man with his head bent and I did not see his face. The aircraft was firmly embedded in the ground with nothing to see of the engine or propeller. The canopy had come apart and the victims were totally exposed from the waste up. I did not notice any primary flight controls but did see one instrument that I did not recognize (it did not have numbers) and this led me to think that this was possibly an experimental aircraft. The wings were attached and the tail section was attached but was partially broken towards the last third of the fuselage.

The two other responders were initially concerned about the possibility of the fire and were yelling about the fumes. There was no indication of fuel leakage that I could quickly see, and no electrical or mechanical movement. One of the other gentlemen was concerned that each victim had a pulse. I felt the carotid artery of each without any indication of a pulse. Both victims arms and hands were distorted in shape indicating multiple fractures.

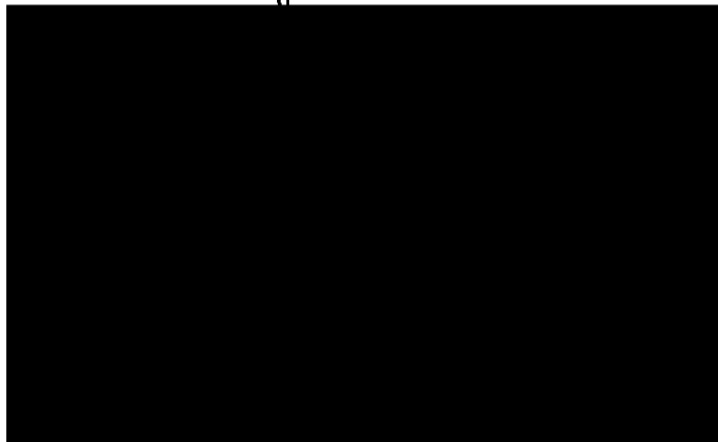
The fact that one of the victims was a young man deeply saddened and troubled me at the time. When I left the scene after the Sheriff/Fire Department took over, my emotional strength was depleted. I continued to my home going over the incident many times in my mind, and I continue to consider it. Aviation can be extraordinarily fulfilling, but it can be unforgiving.

Please write or call if you need more information.

Becky Sparks  
[REDACTED]

Harker Heights, TX 76548  
[REDACTED]

Rebecca Sparks



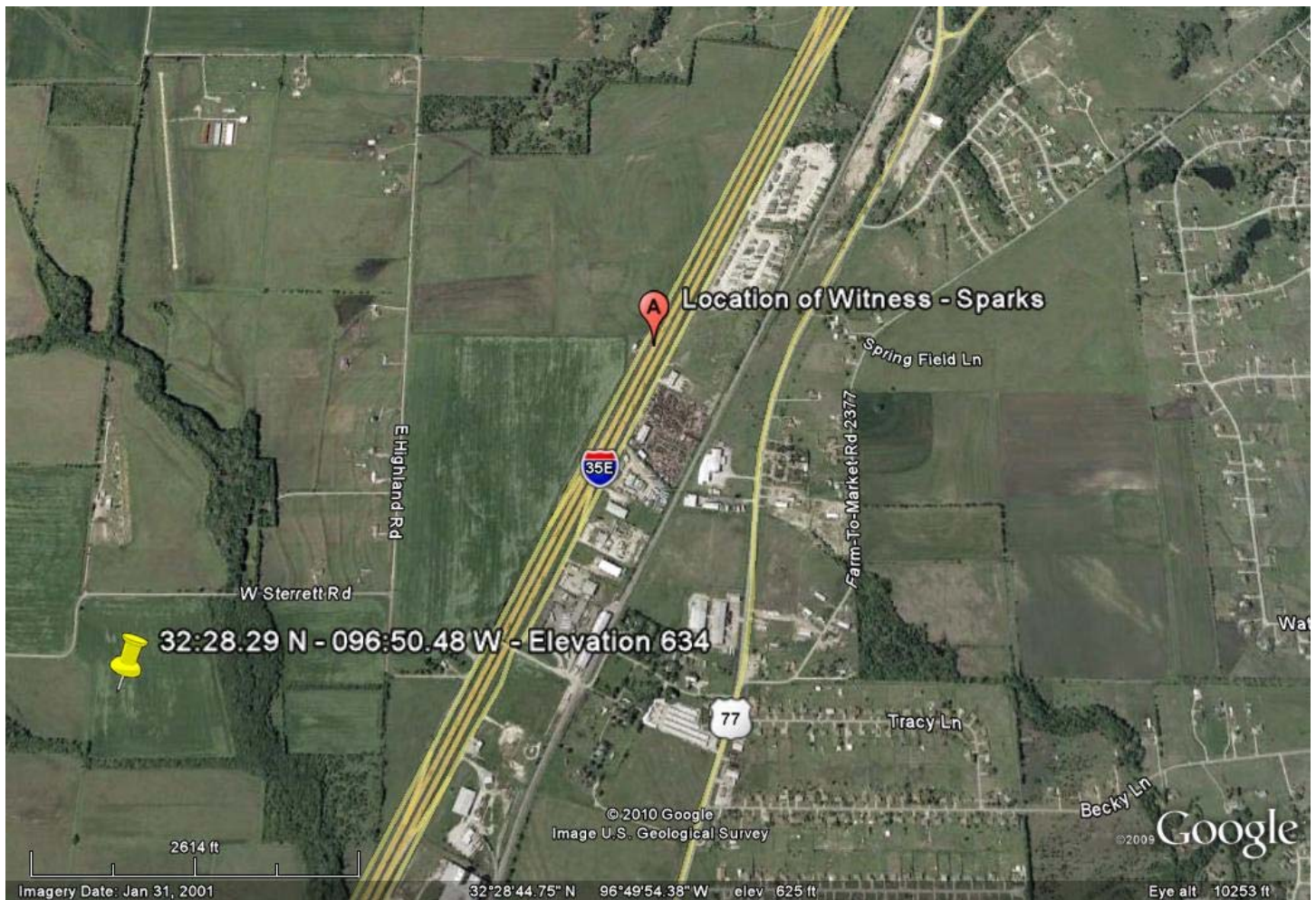
Fight Forward  
Windshield  
Right wing  
Initial sight

Windshield  
Aircraft coming vertical  
in descent

Windshield  
Fight head spin  
Turning to the  
right --  
vertical descent

Windshield  
trees

Note - the aircraft was in  
a lazy turn all the way  
until I saw it disappear



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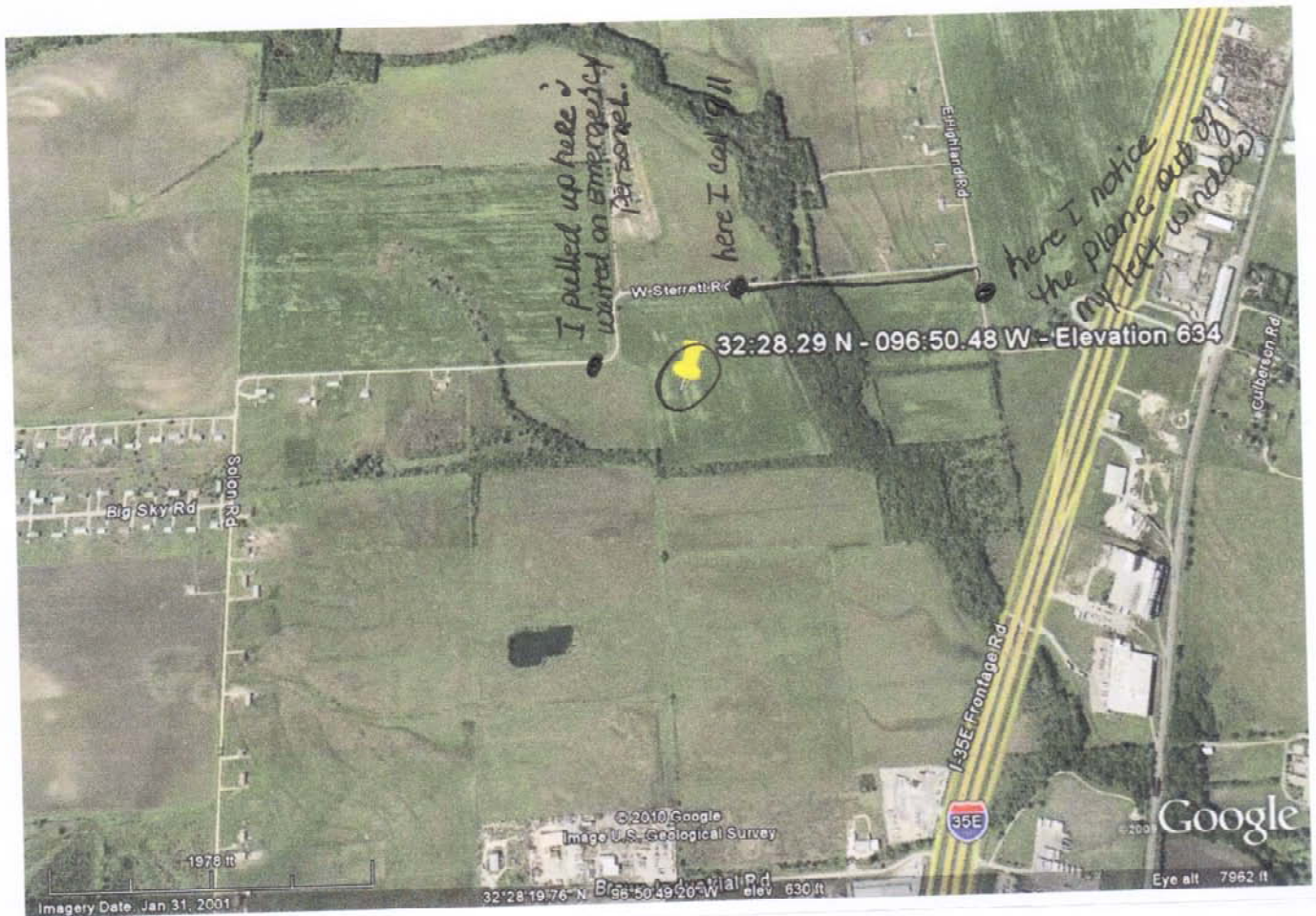
1. Place of accident W. Sterrett Rd. Way Date 1-23-10 Hour around Noon
2. Type of vehicle Burgandy SUV
3. Identification of vehicle Toyota, Highlander
4. What is your name Pam Seals Age 47
5. Address [REDACTED] Wayahachie, Tx 75167
6. Occupation Stockroom By whom employed K.T. Video
7. Where were you at the time of the accident on W. Sterrett Rd.
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I was traveling North on E. Highland and noticed movement out of my left window. The plane was pointed nose down and moving in a circular motion, (like the blades of a ceiling fan). I turned my radio off and couldn't make out any noise. I remember thinking the plane must be turned off but hopefully would start it up and pull out, only because we've always had stunt planes fly over the fields by our house. I then turned left onto Sterrett Rd. and couldn't see the plane anymore, so I sped up and as I came through the tree line I saw it in the field to my left. My best guess is that 10-20 seconds had passed since I first saw the

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Plane going down. I immediately pulled over and called 911. At that point several trucks were coming out of the gun club headed straight to the accident. Within 5-10 mins. the first police officer had arrived - then the fire truck. The weather was pretty fair. I was also alone. I do remember how quiet it was and couldn't understand why I didn't hear it hit the ground.

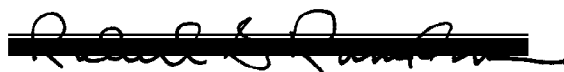


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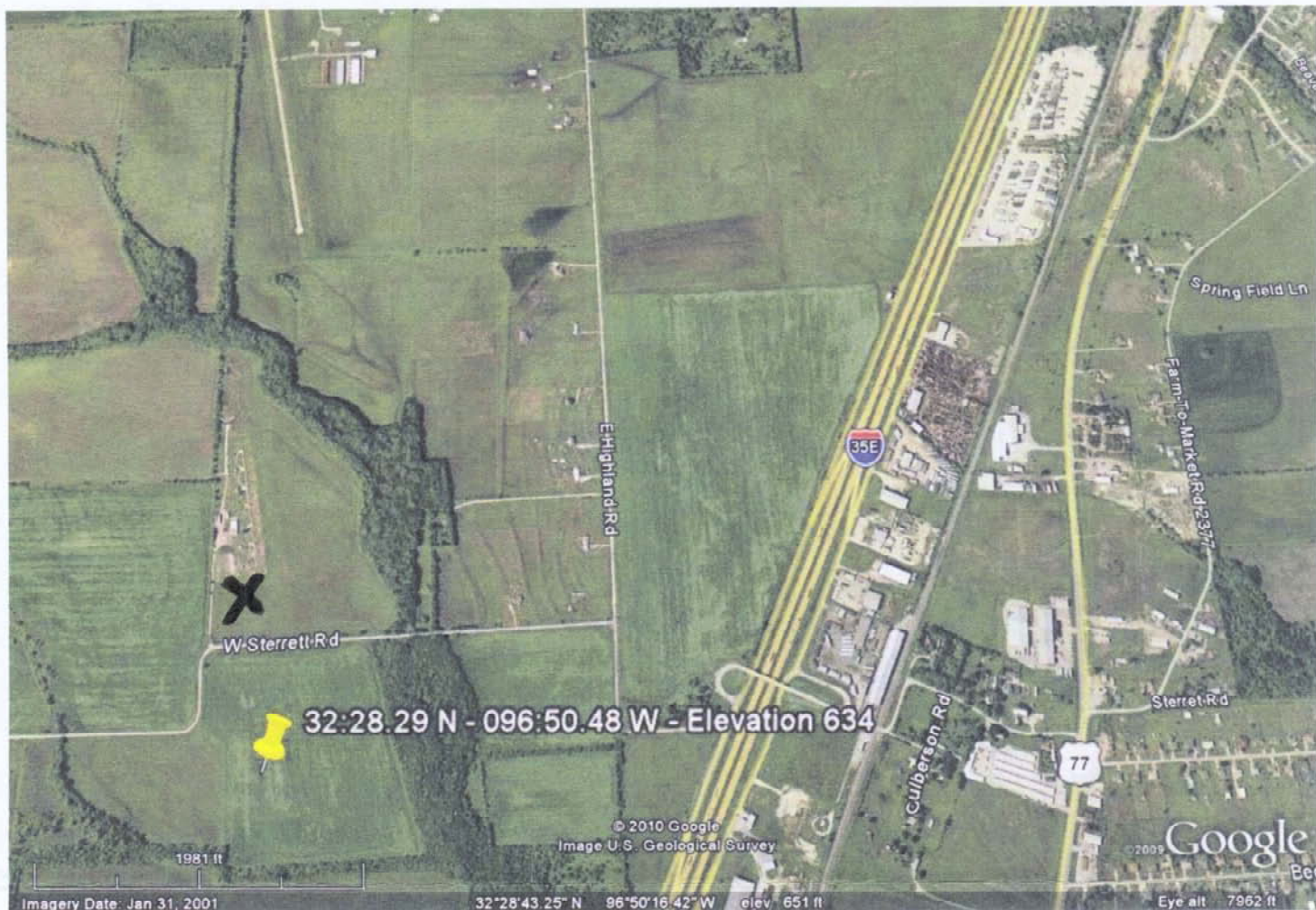
1. Place of accident – West Sterrett road in Waxahachie, TX  
Date of accident – 23 January 2010 Time of accident –  
approximately 12:30 PM.
2. Type of vehicle – Single engine aircraft
3. Identification of vehicle – Tecnam P2002 Sierra, N145AG
4. What is your name? – Robert Ramsden Age – 57
5. Address – [REDACTED] Cedar Hill, TX 75104
6. Occupation – Retired By whom employed – N/A
7. Where were you at the time of the accident? – I was inside the  
clubhouse at the Ellis County Sportsman's Club.
8. Tell in you own words what you saw or heard before and at the  
time the accident occurred.

As I mentioned on the phone, I was in the clubhouse when the accident happened. When I came out of the clubhouse, I saw a few of our members driving out of the parking lot at a high rate of speed. I asked what was going on and was told a plane had just crashed across the street from the gun club. I didn't hear anything that would indicate the aircraft was in distress. I also didn't hear anything when the plane actually crashed. I immediately called 911 and was told the crash had already been reported. I have forwarded a request for Statement of Witness form to everyone who was nearby at the time of the crash.



Robert G. Ramsden - 3 February 2010





MY APPROXIMATE LOCATION IS  
MARKED WITH A BLACK "X".

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- Date: 2/3/10
1. Place of accident STERRETT RD. Date 1/23/10 Hour AROUND 1:00PM
2. Type of vehicle GREEN TOYOTA TUNDRA PICK UP
3. Identification of vehicle [REDACTED]
4. What is your name THURMAN H. GOODWIN JR (BUTCH) Age 57
5. Address [REDACTED]
6. Occupation SALES By whom employed ENNIS STEEL, INC
7. Where were you at the time of the accident ELLIS COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I WAS RANGE MASTER AT THE ELLIS COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB ON JAN 23RD 2010 WHEN I HEARD A FELLOW MEMBER SCREAMING AS HE PULLED UP TO THE CLUBHOUSE "AIR PLANE DOWN"  
 I LOOKED AND SAW THAT THE CRAFT HAD CRASHED IN THE OPEN FIELD JUST SOUTH OF THE CLUB ABOUT 6 TO 8 HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE.  
 AT THAT VERY MOMENT, I AND A MAN NAMED KEVIN JUMPED IN OUR TRUCKS AND DROVE TO THE SITE ASAP.  
 WHEN WE ARRIVED ON SITE WE TRIED TO HELP AND REMOVE THE GENTLEMEN FROM THE AIR CRAFT. ----- WAS NOT ABLE.  
 WE WERE ASKED AT THAT TIME TO CLEAR THE CRASH SITE BY LOCAL ENFORCEMENTS.

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Date: 2-5-2010

1. Place of accident Ellis Co, TX Date 1-23-10 Hour approx 11:30 am  
2. Type of vehicle airplane  
3. Identification of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_  
4. What is your name Stacy Peyton Age 47  
5. Address [REDACTED] Maypearl, TX 76064  
6. Occupation mgrnt By whom employed CB Richard Ellis  
7. Where were you at the time of the accident Ellis County Sportmans Club  
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I didn't see or hear anything.  
One of the men at the club came running up saying that a plane had crashed in the field across the street. I looked over and saw the plane. I had a cell phone, so I called 911 to report the incident. I did not go over to the plane.

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